

**Advisory Committee on Joint Use of Recreational Property  
MINUTES**

Ludwick Community Center, Assembly Room

864 Santa Rosa Street

Tuesday, November 27, 2007 12:00 p.m.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Cochran called the meeting to order at 11:59 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Chair Nancy Cochran, Vice Chair Terry Conner; Committee Members, Michael Parolini and Lisa Monreal

**ABSENT:** Rick May and Colin Jones

**STAFF:** City of San Luis Obispo: Linda Fitzgerald, Recreation Manager; James Bremer, Recreation Supervisor; Marti Reynolds, Supervising Admin Asst.

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### **1. Public Comment**

Gary Nichols, President of San Luis Obispo Youth Rugby, spoke to the Committee Members regarding their opportunity to host the Southern California Youth Rugby tournament May 10 and 11, 2008 which is to be televised by Fox Sports. Over 500 participants aged 10-18 years as well as their families would take part in the event, drawing the type of tourism and business he believes the City is looking for. He made several comments regarding the conditions of the Damon Garcia field and how the maintenance of the field is being managed.

Recreation Manager Fitzgerald indicated that Parks & Recreation Staff will be meeting with Parks Maintenance later in the week to how they will be able to accommodate three May tournament requests along with regular league play. She stated that Mr. Nichols' would receive an answer to his request after that meeting has taken place.

### **2. Consideration of Minutes**

*MOTION:* (Conner/Monreal) Approve the October 23, 2007 minutes as presented.

Approved 4 yes: 0 no: 2 absent (May/Jones)

### **3. Presentation on Holt Field Improvements**

Mr. Poquette and Mr. McCormick of the San Luis Obispo High School Booster Club presented the Committee Members with their plans to improve Holt Field at San Luis Obispo High School. They asked the Committee for their recognition and support in rehabilitating Holt Field to ultimately make it a better facility and get more use by groups and the community in general. They believe a new all-weather playing surface (football and track) and new stands, keeping the track events all in one area, would be ideal. Stated

they have preliminary architectural drawings with the San Luis Obispo High School Holt Field Renovation Committee.

Recreation Manager Fitzgerald said that if desired, the high school could be added to the joint use agreement. Holt Field was one component in an upgrade of all fields a major City goal approved four years ago. This is the first progress in moving on with that particular goal.

Committee Member Conner stated the JUC has always been interested in this goal and whatever this committee can do will help entire community. The committee has supported artificial turf for that facility and Damon Garcia for several years. He would like to be able to do whatever can as a Committee to support it.

Recreation Manager Fitzgerald informed this request would have to go back to the goal setting process which won't occur for another year. However, she will distribute information on the major City goal to Committee during next meeting to refresh what City's intent was and discuss funds available. She will be giving a presentation to the Council on the City's research on synthetic turf in January.

#### **4. Update on San Luis Obispo Baseball Stadium**

Recreation Manager Fitzgerald updated the Committee on the Stadium uses. Two Requests for Proposals were received, one from the SLO Blues and one from the SLO Rattlers. Both groups were able to negotiate their uses prior to the presentations; they agreed to the number of games and a schedule for 2008 including six games to be played against each other. A one year agreement with a two year option to renew will be developed. Plans include time for the Men's Senior Baseball League to play on Sundays and for City Maintenance staff to attend to the field. Rob Olson and Joe Vergara were credited with cooperating in the spirit of sharing the use of the field, the RFP being the catalyst to focus on remedying rather than ignoring the issues between the two teams.

Committee Member Parolini added that the Blues not blocking the Rattlers efforts to join their league is another big step toward reaching this understanding.

Recreation Manager Fitzgerald and Director Kiser are developing a staff report for the next Council meeting.

Committee Vice Chair Conner asked that a press release go out when the issue goes before the Council.

Recreation Manager Fitzgerald forwarded a letter delivered by Dan Ainsworth asking for a fee reduction which she shared with the Committee Members. The Director would be making a decision on the request.

#### **5. 2008 Work Program**

Committee Chair Cochran felt the report was well done. A small correction was made to the first paragraph that listed 2007 instead of 2008.

Discussion followed between Staff and JUC regarding maintenance at Damon-Garcia. Information regarding Damon-Garcia maintenance that had been previously shared with P&R staff by Parks Maintenance was passed on to the JUC.

*MOTION:* (Monreal/Conner) Approve final program components for the 2008 Work Program.

Approved 4 yes: 0 no: 2 absent (May/Jones)

## **6. Staff Reports**

Recreation Supervisor James Bremer had nothing further to report.

## **7. Additional Items**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m. to the January 22, 2007 Joint Use Committee Meeting at 12:00 p.m. at the Ludwick Community Center.